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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Title: TRANSACTION STRUCTURES AND METHODS CONCERNING THE FORWARD
SALE OF A COMMODITY

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed October 7, 2008 in connection with the above-identified application, Applicants respond as follows, wherein:

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Remarks begin on page 10.